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I am a registered electrologist in the state of Massachusetts and I am here to support the Connecticut electrologists. I have been practicing for more than 30 years and was successful in incorporating laser/light procedures into my practice 10 years ago. I am sure if I did not do that I would not be in business today.

Several years ago Electrologists in Massachusetts submitted legislation to expand the scope of their practice by adjusting the language in the definition of electrolysis (see below) for the express purpose of including laser/light modalities for licensed electrologists. This move was all aimed at maintaining the state licensed electrologists in their appropriate place in the world of hair removal. It was appreciated and taken to heart.

The current definition reads:

- Electrolysis is the method of removing hair from the human body by the application of an electrical current to the hair-papilla by means of a needle or any other instrument or device to cause decomposition, coagulation or dehydration of the hair papilla and thus permanently remove the hair." G.L. c. 112, 87EEE.

Since then Massachusetts electrologists have launched themselves into education, purchased equipment and invested in advertising to inform the public of their newer roles in the hair removal industry. Their place in the hair removal world was enormously expanded. The public viewed their practitioners as very up-to-date, well informed and educated, offering the latest and greatest there was in this realm. Patients felt themselves to be in the very best of care...and they were.

Laser hair removal is continually growing while the electrology industry continues to decline in Connecticut. The electrologist is the most qualified to deal with problems related to excess hair growth and the consumer has learned to trust that. It is unfair, to say the least, to hand this very specialized profession over to other health care providers and leave the electrologist out.

I hope that you will seriously consider including the Connecticut electrologists request for the right to use laser in their practice.

Respectfully Submitted,
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